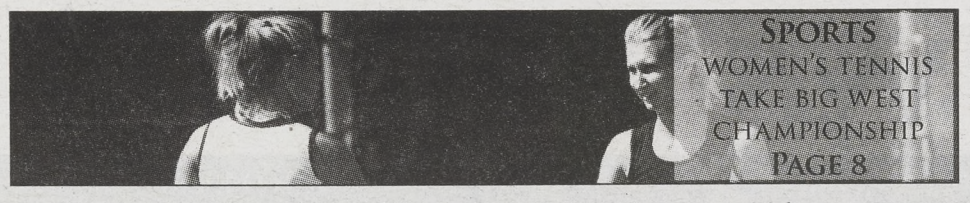
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Course offerings may be decreased in some departments

Some students are planning class schedules several semesters in advance.

By Sara Ehlers
Staff Writer

Some departments have begun informing students that they are cutting back classes for the fall 2012 semester, leaving students with less course options.

Wayne Wright, associate professor and department chair of philosophy, sent an email stating that classes were canceled.

"In order to ensure maximum enrollment in courses while minimizing the total number of courses offered, we have been running fewer upper-division courses than we would prefer," Wright said. "We have instead run more lower-division courses with higher enrollments."

The main issue with the cuts in these departments is that students are not getting as much free range to explore and to intensively study a topic they specialize in.

"Specialized courses tend to have lower enrollments, and we simply cannot afford that given our increased enrollment targets and reduced staffing resources," Wright said.

Although the cuts are not directly a result of the budget problems affecting Cal State Long Beach, the budget has made an impact.

"The budget problems have prevented us from hiring new tenure-track faculty to fill gaps in our program; chiefly, in ancient philosophy and philosophy of law," Wright said.

Other departments are not suffering as many cuts as the philosophy department.

"The budget cuts are universal throughout campus, but we are doing quite well in family and consumer sciences," said Wendy Reiboldt, department chair of family and consumer sciences.

Other departments are not having issues, but will not necessarily know how cuts will affect them until next spring.

John Tsuchida, department chair of Asian and Asian American studies, said classes being cut in this department depend on the enrollment situation.

Last spring, the department of political science had insufficient enrollment, and, as a result, some courses were cut.

This fall, however, has not had the same effect.

"We haven't had to cut [any classes]

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Running across campus
Monica Rothenburger, left, Chanel Fischtti and Heather Balbier take the lead in the running leg of the CSULB Reverse Triathlon.

Art officials advise students to stop tagging lockers

Poor ventilation, damage to personal property create problems.

By Jessica Rosales
Staff Writer

The art locker rooms, located on the first floor of Fine Arts building 4, have been known as a place for tagging, but this tradition is reportedly affecting students' work, bringing in strangers, and compromising the ventilation.

Christopher Miles, art department chair, said tagging has been going on for as long as he can remember, and he's been struggling to find the right solution to stop the problem.

"Many of the students who actually use the lockers feel uncomfortable," Miles said. "They don't feel safe going there because they don't know who or what they will confront."

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Seventh Street connector re-opens

Approximately 25 to 30 percent of the campus population was affected, officials say.

By Jenny Lee
Staff Writer

Cal State Long Beach students from Orange County can now take the Seventh Street bridge to get to school, a route that has been closed for a year.

On Saturday morning, the northbound I-405/westbound SR-22 Seventh Street bridge re-opened.

"I would say approximately 25-30 percent of the campus population, including faculty and staff, have been affected in some way by the Seventh Street bridge closure and the construction on the entire project in general," said Mark Rudometkin, general manager of CSULB Parking and Transportation Services.

The reconstruction of the Seventh Street connector is part of a larger $277 million West County Connectors project, partially funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, a 2009 federal stimulus bill.

The bridge closed on April 18 of last year for a reconstruction to

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The long awaited Seventh Street bridge has been completed.

Students get training on sex education, contraception

The event advocated that students have access to accurate info on campus.

By Beatrice Jimenez
Contributing Writer

Student representatives from 15 California colleges, including Cal State Long Beach, assembled on campus for a weekend of training in the latest information on reproductive health and rights.

The training, hosted by Reproductive Justice Leadership Institute, focused on topics such as contraception, comprehensive sex education and the economic, social, political and cultural barriers young people face when accessing reproductive health care.

The weekend was coordinated through a combined effort from the national associates of pro-choice organization, Choice USA, and student members of the Choice USA CSULB chapter.

The event began Friday at noon with a workshop that acted as an introduction to reproductive justice.

"Reproductive justice is making sure that everyone, no matter their race, class, gender or sexuality, has the resources and education they need to make informed decisions about their bodies," said Sara Castledine, a senior women's, gender and sexuality studies major and the organizational director of Choice USA chapter.

Several field associates from Choice USA's national headquarters in Washington D.C. conducted the training, including CSULB alumnus Andrew Jenkins.

Jenkins founded the Choice USA campus chapter in 2010 and has been working at the national level since January 2012.

According to Jenkins, this is the second Reproductive Justice Leadership Institute in the nation.

"We really want to make an impact in California, and one of the reasons why we chose to host the institute at CSULB is because we have such strong student leaders here," he said.

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-Andrew Jenkins, alumnus

Castledine took over as director of the chapter when Jenkins graduated in 2011. A lot of the work the chapter does focuses on comprehensive sex education — making sure students have access to accurate information on campus.

"During Halloween, we distributed goodie bags that included condoms with instructions on how to use them properly," said Vanessa Durand, a senior women's, gender and sexuality studies major and Choice USA chapter leader.

In addition to its work in comprehensive sex education, the chapter supports local organizations and advocates for policies that uniquely impact young people.

During the 2010 midterm elections, the chapter conducted a campaign to raise awareness and registered more than 1,000 students to vote.

"We wanted to get more young people on campus politically engaged and turn it into an education campaign where we mobilize college students to care about comprehensive sex education and reproductive health services," Jenkins said.

As part of its organizing efforts, several chapter leaders, including Castledine and Durand, were on hand over the weekend to help student participants learn the fundamentals of reproductive justice.

The training ended Sunday afternoon with several workshops that focused on leadership skills, strategies for organizing and an introduction to policy work.

Choice USA is a youth-driven and youth-led organization. The goal of the weekend was to give students the tools and confidence they need to empower themselves and take action within their own communities.

Natalie Rivera, a senior women's, gender and sexuality studies major, was a participant in the training.

"Listening to the speakers talk about policy and legislature, I actually learned a lot," Rivera said. "I'm a premed student, so I'm hoping to change the system — bring my activism and advocate for women and all people of any identity."

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Even the actual purpose of the lockers has been compromised, he said. There have been incidences where art students had their projects and valuables ruined by spray painters.

"When people tag on the lockers, it goes through the small slits and damages personal property," Miles said.

The spray paint also affects the ventilation system connected to the first floor. When someone tags the room, it's not only seen, but smelled as well.

"It stinks in there and it's poisonous," senior drawing and painting major Francisco Palomares said. "It's annoying because you can't get any work done. It's too potent."

Sometimes, when the smell is at its worst, students and faculty have had to leave the building while it airs out.

"I have to hold my breath when I go in there," sophomore studio art major Jenice Kang said.

Still, many students don't know the repercussions and problems the decorated room causes.

"I thought it was a really cool place for art students to show off their talents," sophomore kinesiology major Matthew Downey said.

Other students said the art lockers should have murals, like they did in the past.



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Marie Umeda, sophomore, does some last minute work in the Fine Arts locker room before heading to class.

"It used to be actual murals," junior animation major George Goryan said. "It would be cool to go back to that and if people got permission to paint murals instead of what it is now."

In an effort to remedy the situation, there has been talk among the art department, facilities management, risk management and the University Police.

Ideas about how to remedy the situation have been discussed, but no final solution has been agreed upon.

One idea includes demolishing the current lockers and rebuilding them at an outside location, but a low amount of funds may make this difficult to attain.

For now, art students found tagging are asked to stop.

"There's definitely no shortage of other outlets to show off artwork," Miles said. "Put all that energy onto a canvas."

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accommodate new carpool lanes on the I-405 beneath the bridge and make direct connectors from the carpool lane to SR-22 and the northbound 605 freeway, according to the Orange County Transportation Authority.

During the closure, students had alternative routes they could take to get to school.

The closure kept traffic off of Seventh Street and forced many students to come in from the north end, Palo Verde and Atherton, or Bellflower and Beach Drive.

"Flow of traffic was very good, we saw less traffic at the south end of campus, where there is no general parking lots during the day," Rudometkin said. "The closure cleared up traffic on both East and West Campus drives."

Rudometkin said there were many positives with the closing of the bridge. He said the city synchronized the lights on Palo Verde and Studebaker to ensure the flow of traffic due to high demand.

The closure also kept cars off of East and West Campus Drives, which lightened traffic on campus dramatically.

"We are hoping that folks have realized the benefit of staying off of Seventh Street to get to campus," Rudometkin said. "With the opening, I hope those who used Palo Verde and Studebaker continue to do so with the understanding it is a better, more convenient drive to campus."

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BeachCon to host gaming tournaments on campus

'Call of Duty,' 'Super Smash Bros.' are featured in this year's event.

By Bronson Farr
Staff Writer

Cal State Long Beach's video games fanatics can rejoice — the countdown to BeachCon has begun.

BeachCon, an annual nonprofit event that encompasses all aspects of electronic gaming, will be held at the Walter Pyramid on Saturday.

Residential Hall Multimedia Technicians (Techs) and two resident assistants, who are promoting the event to students who live on campus, are hosting the event.

BeachCon marketing representative Cole Peterson said the local area network (LAN) BeachCon event has been happening for six years.

"BeachCon started as a small, ten-person event holed up in a CSULB dorm room put on by the Techs," Peterson said. "Basically, the event was an excuse for people who enjoy electronic gaming to get together and have a great night doing what they love."

Some students, like sophomore leisure and recreation studies major Dalena Tran, have never attended the event. She said that her friends, who went last year, encouraged her to go this semester.

"All my friends that did go in the past said it was super fun and looked really cool," Tran said. "They got to play games like 'Rock Band' and 'Just Dance.'"

Peterson said that the major games that will be featured this year are "League of Legends," "Starcraft II," "Super Smash Bros.," "Brawl" and "Call of Duty."

He also mentioned they will provide each LAN computer with a "Steam" game center license, which grants each player a large number of games to play throughout the night.

Diego Avalos, sophomore mechanical engineering major, is planning on attending BeachCon this semester.

He took second place in the "Starcraft II" tournament last semester, but he will not be competing this time around.

"This semester, they held the [preliminary] tournament online and I kind of missed my first game ... so I got eliminated pretty quickly," Avalos said.

Avalos said that he still wants to attend, even though he is not competing in the tournament.

"It's a nice event to meet other people who also like [Starcraft II]," he said.

According to the BeachCon website, there will be six companies sponsoring the event, including Cooler Master Inc. and SilverStone Technology Co.

Peterson said some sponsors are providing prizes like mice, routers and other computer gear that will be given to the winners of different tournaments.

Peterson said that there are a limited number of LAN spots and anyone who wants to participate in the LAN party should register early because spots are limited. He also added that LAN participants must bring their own computers.

There will be a $10 fee for non-residents who want to attend the event.

To register or find out more about BeachCon, go to **beachcon.org**.

LBCC staff face layoffs, reduced contracts

Staff troubles cause difficulty for students attempting to transfer.

By Kyle Burke
Staff Writer

Students at Long Beach City College might find it harder to transfer after the LBCC Board of Trustees unanimously agreed on a budget plan that will lay off 55 employees, as well as reduce 96 contracts in order to save $5.1 million.

Nearly 40 percent of LBCC's classified staff will be affected by this decision made on Tuesday.

Along with recent tuition hikes, these staff layoffs could affect students' ability to transfer to their desired schools, including Cal State Long Beach.

"It may well affect the number of LBCC students able to meet CSULB admissions requirements," David Dowell, vice provost for planning and budget at CSULB, said via email.

The layoffs were made exclusively to classified staff, which includes custodians, maintenance workers, instructional aides and secretaries.

Only 12 of the layoffs included management, whereas the reduced contracts were shortened from 12 months to 10 or 11 months.

Many students and staff gathered in protest in response to the layoffs. Students are worried about how this might affect their graduation and ability transfer.

"Budget reductions in community colleges such as LBCC do impact the chances that students will get needed classes and transfer to CSULB," Dowell said.

Because of similar cuts to the budget, students are finding it harder to transfer in the two years that is expected.

"I haven't met a person that transferred in two years yet," said Kevin Wong, sophomore accounting major at LBCC.

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for the fall," said Teresa Wright, political science department chair.

Some students are also concerned with how the budget cuts are affecting classes, and how they will deal with these cuts in order to enroll in the classes they need to graduate.

"The budget cuts are causing me to choose less classes because I feel like it may affect the teachers' incentive to work as hard, and the intensity of the course material in general," said Cayley Conrado, freshman fashion merchandising and design major.

Picking classes seems to be a problem for some students this upcoming semester.

Jason Tully, junior journalism major, said he has learned to plan two or three semesters ahead.

"What is offered during the fall may not be available next spring — it's almost like you have to develop a strategy to graduate on time," Tully said.

Although students' choices are being reduced, students are still able to get classes that will allow them to satisfy their major or minor requirements.

However, the classes that students are able to take in order to satisfy those requirements may not always coincide with the classes that students want to take.

"Students may settle for a class that fulfills a requirement, but not necessarily the class that they want or that will benefit them the most when they graduate," Tully said.

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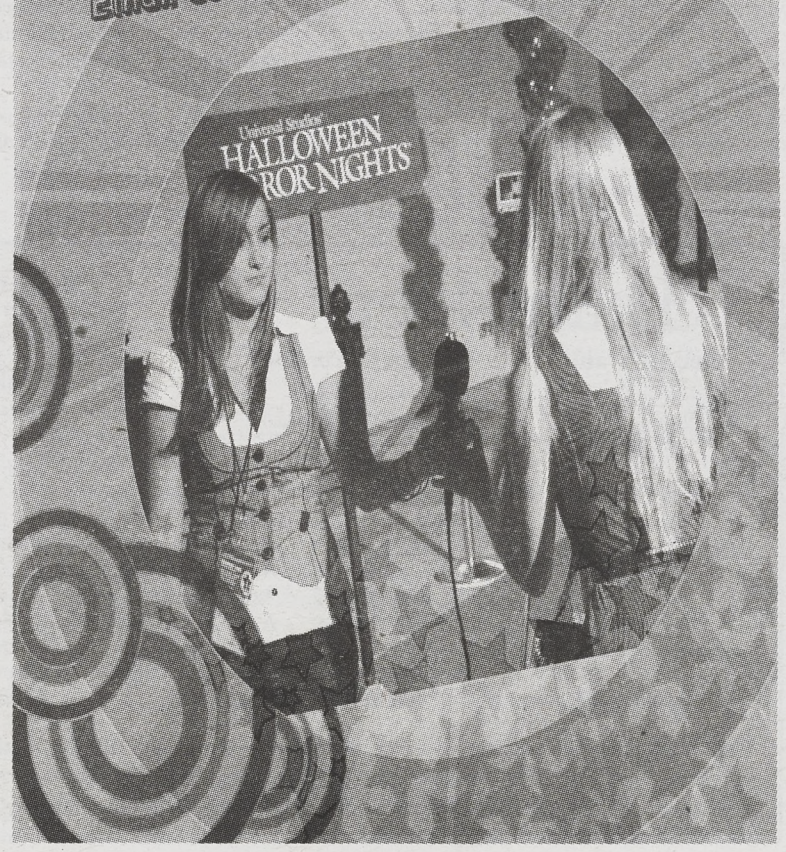
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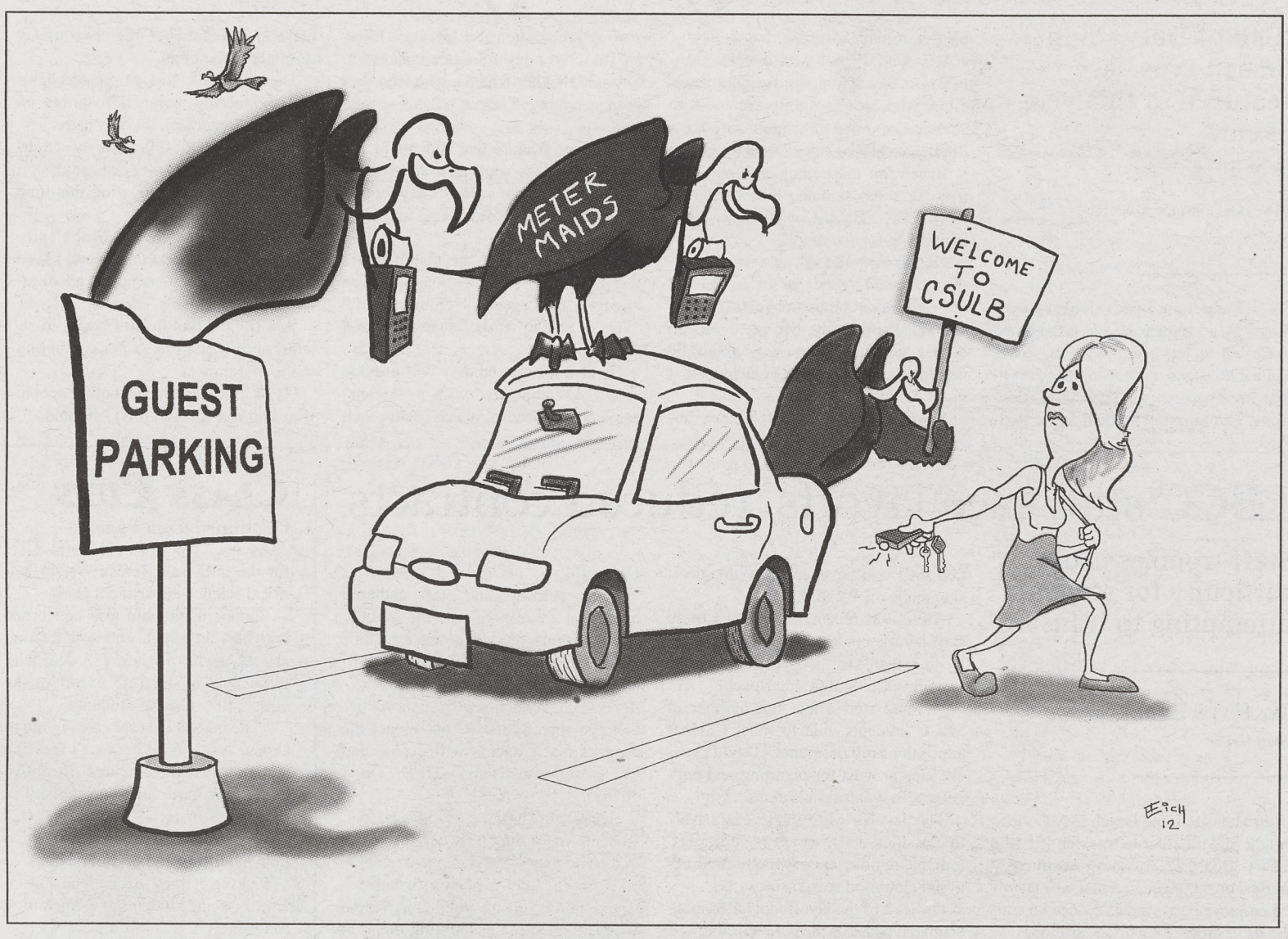
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Cash-strapped students should avoid meters



Our View

When the news first broke that CSULB would be getting rid of all the coin-operated parking meters on campus and replacing them with electronic pay stations, it seemed to make sense. People rarely carry change around anymore, and most college students need to save every quarter they have to pay for laundry, another one of the last coin-operated systems in existence.

Making the parking meters electronic meant that students could use credit cards to park, which makes using the metered spaces a lot easier.

Now that the pay stations have been in use for a few months, it is clear that this was nothing more than a way for the school to get more of our money with another unfair and annoying system.

The $2 price for an hour of parking has not changed, but for some reason the price to park for two hours has been raised to $5. This makes no sense at all.

Why would the school add an extra dollar to something that should obviously be a standard hourly rate?

There is no reason other than greed to justify getting charged an extra dollar just to buy two hours up front.

One of the main reasons why someone would need to use a parking meter instead of parking in the lot is because of the obvious close proximity to the building.

People usually choose a meter because they are running late and can't make it to their obligation on time.

Unfortunately, these electronic stations run painfully slow. This often leads to a line of people waiting to pay for their parking while their class starts without them.

Also, another one of the main features of a parking meter has been completely forgotten. People who need to park for five minutes to drop off something at Brotman Hall, or turn in an assignment for class will have to pay $2 for an entire hour of parking. There is no option for increments of time less than one hour. Students used to be able to throw a few quarters in the meter and go talk to their professor for 10 minutes.

Now, if a student doesn't want to pay for a full hour, they will have to park in the structure and walk all the way across campus just to turn in something that should have taken them five minutes.

With all these people paying for hours of parking that they don't need, you would think there would be some kind of overlap. If someone pays for an hour and leaves after 10 minutes, someone else should be able to park there for 50 minutes to use up the time.

That's how most parking meters work, but not these ones. There is no way of knowing how much time has been paid for at any particular spot. This means that in the same one hour, three people could buy an hour of time for the same spot. This just seems wrong.

Parking at this school has always been a nightmare, and it does not seem like it will get any better. It seems unnecessary for the school to take away one of the few basic parking-related conveniences we had just so they can steal a few more dollars from cash-strapped students.

Successful college students possess discipline and determination

Lawrence Maybir

There is one common denominator that dictates the success of every single college student. Of course one's intellect plays an important role, but in college, there is one thing that separates successful college students from unsuccessful students.

Discipline and determination are the driving forces toward students succeeding and making it to graduation.

I am in no way trying to say that intellect isn't a necessary tool to have en route to a degree. Intelligence and a student's capacity to learn are vital in one's quest for higher education.

What I am saying is that a student who may not be that intellectually gifted but who is filled with drive and determination has a better chance at success than a student with higher intellect and no determination and will.

College puts students' self-discipline and motivation to the ultimate test. And part of what makes the test so hard is the curriculum, but the massive amount of freedom that students are being provided for the first time in their lives makes it challenging, too.

During high school, teachers were there to make sure students were constantly doing their best. Teachers assigned homework and checked it daily, which kept students on their toes.

Teachers took attendance every single day in every single class and if a student did miss a class, teachers called parents to ensure it didn't happen often.

College on the other hand, is a whole different story. If a student doesn't do his homework, there isn't a teacher scolding you or giving you detention. The only scolding will be done in the grade book at the end of the semester. If a student doesn't go to class in college, there will be no calls to mommy and daddy. Missing important information for exams and a failing attendance grade are punishment enough.

There is also a huge difference between college students who live in the dorms and the ones who don't. Many students don't live at home while attending college, which can make for some big changes in their daily routine. In a nutshell, there are no more curfews, no more bedtime, no more checking homework, and no more constant guidance.

The freedom given by faculty and parents to students is exactly what makes discipline and determination so important. The biggest tests during college aren't the ones on paper, but the ones that test a student's ability to stay focused. Students who couldn't resist the urge to ditch class or party the night before a big exam fail countless classes.

Throughout a students' collegiate career, the adjustment from being constantly told what to do, to making tons of decisions on their own is definitely a difficult one.

I believe the importance and weight of self-discipline should be something more known before entering college. It is integral to students' college completion, and finally being able to throw that graduation cap in the air.

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Pro-lifers need new tactics

Nayeli Carillo

Abortion has always been one of the most debated topics regardless of how open-minded or moral people consider themselves to be. It's placing two things we value at opposite ends – a woman's right to her own body and preserving human life.

I have always and will always support preserving human life. A fetus is a life and abortion is not a solution to an unwanted pregnancy. That being said, I did have a problem with the anti-abortion displays on campus last week.

Whether it's the right choice or not, having an abortion is still a decision that will ultimately affect the woman and her family and friends.

While those who are educated on the issue know that there are support groups and options for an unwanted pregnancy it is important to acknowledge the fact that not everyone has access to those things. We can't trust that women will always turn to adoption.

To me, an abortion is less cruel than leaving a baby in a dumpster.

Instead of dealing with unwanted pregnancies, we should be dealing with contraception more. Though it is not guaranteed, contraception will at least help decrease the numbers of unwanted pregnancies.

It's also important to note that some women are raped and is it really fair to force rape victims to give birth to a child that will forever be a memory of that traumatic experience?

Some women who do give birth regret giving their baby up for adoption.

I can imagine the psychological conflict between looking at a reminder of a scarring moment in your life and the moral dilemma of giving up your child. It's not an easy place to be.

The display on campus really infringed on a woman's right to her body. I do agree that the woman's family and partner should have a say in the decision to have an abortion. It takes two to make a child and the family will be affected by the decision on emotional, psychological and physical levels.

To have someone who doesn't know the circumstances of the situation decide whether a woman should have a baby against her or her family's will is frustrating. It comes down to freedom of choice and while people who have sex should deal with the consequences I would never force my opinion on someone else. That is exactly why I disliked the displays on campus.

The images were gross and the small warning signs were futile. I recognize that their intention wasn't to be offensive and that it was done to get people's attention but forcing people to see images like that is not effective. When someone has to shock me to make me feel a certain way about something the argument loses all credibility.

It may seem like I'm a prude but I have seen those images in classes. I am not against seeing them but usually teachers warn us well ahead of class, not the day of. Some may say, "Well you don't have to look at them if you don't want to." But I beg to differ.

The area right across from the MLSC and HSCI building is part of the shortest route many students take to get to class. I shouldn't have to take a longer way to avoid these images. A fair warning would have been sending an email or putting a more detailed warning sign near the entrance to campus, not two steps from the actual display.

The only thing I suggest to the group that put up this display is that they become more aware that some students are sensitive and simply do not want to be forced to look at these images.

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Letter to the Editor

CSU Faculty strike will defend the rights of CSU faculty and students.

As a faculty member, I was glad to see your indication of support for the principles of our struggle, but disappointed to read in the same Daily 49er editorial, "CSU faculty strike would hurt student body," (April 24, 2012) your opposition to our strike preparations.

Nobody wants to strike, however, these extraordinary actions are being considered only as a last resort to defend not only faculty rights, but the rights of CSU students to an education.

The actions of the Chancellor's Office and their position in collective bargaining have offered nothing but take-backs, moves toward the privatization of the CSU system, and severe restrictions to student access.

If we accept the Chancellor's proposals without a fight, it is virtually guaranteed that far fewer students will have a chance to obtain admission to the CSU, and current students will have ever-increasing fees and tuition, fewer and larger classes, and a more transient faculty, while undergoing even greater pressure to graduate in reduced time frames.

The argument that there is no money in the state or the country to support students' right to education is a false one.

The root to the problem lies in the severe, immoral inequities in the distribution of wealth.

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Darkness, creepiness in dance concert

The show included choreography with eerie themes and various styles.

By Ryah Cooley
Assistant City Editor



Gregory R.R. Crosby
Dancers perform "Secret Dark World" at the Cal State Long Beach 2012 Spring Faculty Dance Concert.

The Department of Dance at Cal State Long Beach opened its spring faculty concert last week with a special piece by Jiri Kylian staged by Fiona Lummis, formerly of the Netherlands Dance Theater (NDT).

CSULB's dance program has a strong emphasis on modern dance, but this concert had a refreshing nod to ballet. That, combined with the special guest choreography, made the concert an enjoyable evening for the audience.

The show, which took place last Wednesday through Sunday, opened with "Set and Drift" by Lorin Johnson. The dancers were in pointe ballet shoes, but the work had a modern, lively flair to it. The piece also poked fun at typical ballets with over-exaggerated Swan Lake-esque arms and fawning. The dancers frequently toed the lies between ballet and modern transitioning from bent, broken arms to long, flowing arms. The piece ended with the dancers fighting for the limelight until all but one dancer had been pushed down.

"Fallen Angels" by Jiri Kylian, renowned artistic director of the NDT, was staged by special guest choreographer Lummis for the spring concert.

The piece began with no music as the dancers walked over barriers to the front of the stage. Then, the silence was replaced with loud tribal drums. The dancers used a lot of isolations, balletic arms and energetic movements. The dancers rarely changed formation and didn't travel much, but the combination of African dance, modern dance and ballet was enough to keep the audiences' attention for the entirety of the dance.

After intermission, "Secret Dark World" by Keith Johnson premiered. This piece started with darkness and a woman's voice saying, "That's it! That's a big boy," as a male dancer crawled and then gradually walked across the stage.

This piece portrayed the dancers as children playing together. Music, reminiscent of a jungle gym, set the tone for childlike contact improvisation-based movement, handstands and games like London-bridges-falling-down. The trio of female dancers broke apart and had their own piece; complete with hair pulling, gossiping and all the other things little girls put each other through. Then, the kids crashed, the music stopped and it was naptime.

Darkness set in again and the mood felt heavier. One girl, wearing a blindfold, woke up as another walked one of the boys on a leash, while he wore nothing but his underpants. Two other boys in their underwear wore monkey and elephant masks while jumping around. It was decidedly creepy, but this second portion of the piece's theme was rather unclear. It could have been anything from mental illness to child pornography, but in any case the title "Secret Dark World" was very apt.

All of the other dancers took turns lifting and pushing the blindfolded girl. At last, they all crowded around her and pulled the blindfold off. Gradually, the nightmare ended and the dancers went back to being carefree children.

The piece started out with the potential to steal the show, but ended with a bad taste in your mouth. But perhaps that was the choreographer's intention.

For more information about the dance department, visit **csulb.edu/dept/dance.**

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49ers seal Big West championship

LBSU won its second consective Big West Conference Championship.

By Daily 49er Sports Staff

The No. 43-ranked Long Beach State women's tennis team defeated No. 72 UC Irvine 4-1 on Sunday morning to secure the Big West Conference championship.

The 49ers finished the season with an 18-5 overall record, including 8-0 in the Big West regular season. The 'Niners then coasted through the conference tournament en route to successfully defending their 2011 Big West title.

The Beach trounced Cal State Fullerton 4-1 in the first round of the tournament on Friday, and then defeated UC Santa Barbara to advance to their 12th straight tournament championship. LBSU also sealed its ninth NCAA tournament berth with the victory.

Senior Julie Lazar and junior Sarah Cantlay picked up their 22nd win of the season at No. 3 doubles 8-2 over Kat and Ali Facey to give the 'Niners their first win of the day.

The 49ers secured the doubles point as No. 81 senior Rachel Manasse and freshman Laura Bernard defeated Courtney Byron and Hannah Holladay 8-4.

Manasse paced the 'Niners in singles as well, defeating Byron 6-2, 6-3 to give the 49ers an early 2-0 advantage. Cantaly then dropped a feisty Kat Facey 6-1, 7-5 at No. 4 singles to put LBSU on the brink of victory.

Bernard sealed the victory for The Beach with a 6-3, 6-4 victory over Franziska Goettsching at No. 3 singles.

Marivick Mamiit was the only Anteater to win on the day as she topped Klaudia Malenovska 6-2, 6-3.

LBSU will find out its NCAA opponent on Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the NCAA.com selection show. Senior Anais Dallara could receive an invitation to the individual championships in singles, while Manassee and Bernard have a shot at the doubles individual championships.



File Photo

Junior Sarah Cantlay (left) and senior Julie Luzar earned their 22nd victory of the season to start the 'Niners off on the right foot.

Wild pitch sinks Dirtbags in extra inning battle with CSUN

LBSU committed two errors which helped lead to their downfall.

By Daily 49er Sports Staff

After a dominant 8-2 victory on Friday night, The Long Beach State baseball team dropped an extra innings battle to Cal State Northridge on Saturday night.

The Dirtbags (20-20, 10-4 Big West Conference) lost 6-5 in walk-off fashion to the Matadors despite out-hitting CSUN 13-11.

Sophomore left fielder Johnny Bekakis, senior center fielder Brennan Metzger and freshman designated hitter Richard Prigatano combined for 11 of LBSU's hits on the game with 4, 3, and 4, respectively.

Bekakis also had two runs scored while hitting in the lead off spot, while Metzger drove in two runs and scored two himself. Sophomore second baseman Jeff McNeil went 1-for-2 with two RBI.

Senior starting pitcher Shawn Stuart gave the Dirtbags yet another solid effort on the hill. Stuart pitched 6 2/3 innings allowing three runs, two earned on six hits while striking out four.

While the starting pitching has been one of the best in the Big West, the bullpen has shaky at best.

Sophomore reliever Kyle Friedrichs has been a bright spot this season, and pitched well allowing just one run on three hits in three innings pitched.

Junior reliever Eddie Magallon, who has struggled mightily this season after being named to the National Colliegate Baseball Writers Association Stopper of the Year Watch List earlier this year, continued his downfall on Saturday. Magallon lasted just one third of an inning as he gave up two runs.

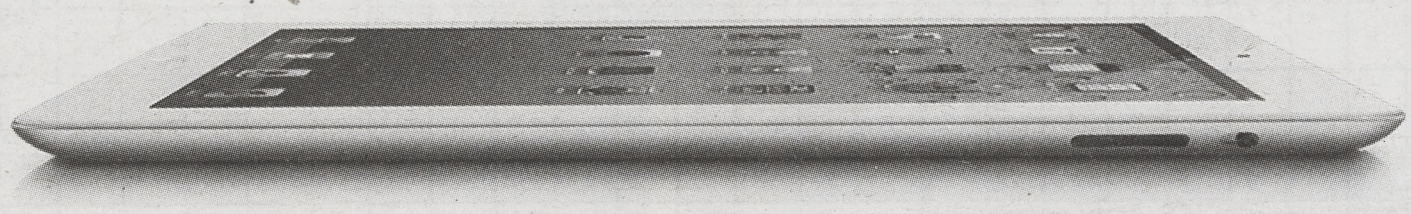
With the game tied at five in the bottom of the 12th inning, LBSU head coach Troy Buckley pulled Magallon in favor of sophomore reliever Josh Frye. A wild pitch from Frye allowed Matadors' pinch runner Michael Livingston to score, giving CSUN the 6-5 victory.

Northridge (17-22, 5-6 Big West) starter Jerry Keel pitched a stellar game for the Matadors, tossing seven innings of seven-hit, one-run baseball. Louis Cohen finished the game off for the Matadors. Cohen pitched five innings allowing four runs on six hits but came up with his fifth win of the season.

Matadors' right fielder Miles Williams paced the CSUN offense going 3-for-6 with an RBI. Nate Ring went 2-for-6 with two runs scored for Northridge.

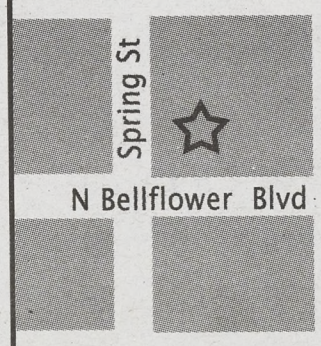
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